

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing data reference information, comprising:

setting, on a second computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics indicates an amount of data that identifies ~~indicate characteristics of data that identify~~ when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

copying the data from a first computer application to a memory;

copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory;

pasting the data from the memory to the second computer application;

by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the amount of data ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data ~~indicate~~ indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the amount of data ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

omitting the reference information when the amount of data ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second computer application.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one descriptive label that identifies the pasted reference

information, wherein the descriptive label includes a heading related to the pasted reference information.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the at least one descriptive label relates to at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who copied the data, and the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, and the location of the data in a document.~~

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application includes obtaining the pasting reference information from a memory of the second computer application.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application includes the second computer application accessing another computer application to obtain at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, and the identity of the user who copied the data, ~~the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, and the last time that the data was edited, the location of the data in a document.~~

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein copying the reference information related to the data comprises copying from the first computer application to the memory meta-data related to the data.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein copying the reference information related to the data comprises copying from the first computer application to the memory properties related to the data.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the pasting reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory of the second computer application at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, and the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, and the last time that the data was edited.~~

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application meta-data related to the data.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting from the memory to the second computer application properties related to the data.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pasting the reference information related to the data comprises pasting the reference information adjacent to the data in a document of the second computer application.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application includes the second computer application copying the pasting reference information from a third computer application and pasting the pasting reference information in the second computer application so that the pasting reference information can be review along with the reference information.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, and the time the data was pasted.

14-16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first computer application and the second computer application comprise one computer application and the data is included within at least one document of the computer application.

18. (Currently amended) A computer system for providing data reference information, comprising:

- a processing unit;
- a memory in communication with the processing unit;
- a computer application in communication with the processing unit and the memory that provides instructions to the processing unit, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, operates for:

- setting, on the computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics indicates an amount of data that identifies ~~indicate~~ ~~characteristics of data that identify~~ when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to a second document;

- copying the data from a first document to the memory;

- copying reference information from the first document and related to the data to the memory;

- pasting the data from the memory to the second document;

- by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the computer application, determining when the amount of data ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

- automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second document when the amount of data ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

omitting the reference information when the amount of data ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second document; and
automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second document.

19. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one descriptive label that identifies the pasted reference information, wherein the descriptive label includes a heading related to the pasted reference information.

20. (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the at least one descriptive label relates to at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, the identity of the user who copied the data, and the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited, and the location of the data in a document.~~

21. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 18, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the second document includes obtaining the pasting reference information from a memory of the computer application.

22. (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the computer application includes the computer application accessing another computer application to obtain at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, and the identity of the user who copied the data, ~~the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, the last time that the data was edited.~~

23. (Currently amended) The computer system of claim 18, wherein the processing unit, responsive to the instructions, operates for pasting the pasting reference information related to the data by pasting from the memory to the second document at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, and the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, and the last time that the data was edited.~~

24. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 18, wherein obtaining pasting reference information from the second document includes the computer application copying the pasting reference information from another computer application and pasting the pasting reference information in the second document so that the pasting reference information can be review along with the reference information.

25. (Previously presented) The computer system of claim 24, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the date the data was pasted, and the time the data was pasted.

26 -28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for providing data reference information, the instructions comprising:

setting, on a second computer application, copy data amount characteristics of data, wherein the copy data amount characteristics indicate ~~characteristics~~ an amount of data that ~~identify~~ identifies when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

copying the data from a first computer application to a memory;

copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory;

pasting the data from the memory to the second computer application;
by accessing the copy data amount characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the amount ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data ~~indicate~~ indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the amount ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

omitting the reference information when the amount ~~data characteristics~~ of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was copied, the time the data was copied, the identity of the user who pasted the data, the identity of the user who copied the data, the date the data was pasted, and the time the data was pasted; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second computer application.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein copying reference information from the first computer application and related to the data to the memory further includes:

parsing the reference information contained in the memory;

selecting the reference information that is in a preferred presentation format as a stream of reference data elements;

configuring the stream of reference information into segments of various types of reference data; and

selecting the preferred types of reference data from the segments of reference data to obtain the preferred reference data.

32. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application includes automatically pasting the reference information based on at least one member of a group comprising: a user setting, and a predetermined configuration.

33-38. (Cancelled)

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the pasting reference information includes at least one descriptive label that identifies the pasted reference information, wherein the descriptive label includes a heading related to the pasted reference information.

40. (Currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 39, wherein the at least one descriptive label relates to at least one member of a group comprising: the date the data was pasted, the time the data was pasted, and the identity of the user who pasted the data, ~~the identity of the last user who edited the data, the last date that the data was edited, and the last time that the data was edited.~~

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the reference information includes an active link.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the paste reference information includes an active link.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the copy data characteristics include at least one member of a group comprising: a predetermined data size, a predetermined data amount, and a predetermined type of data.

44. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the reference information includes an active link.

45. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the paste reference information includes an active link.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the copy data characteristics include at least one member of a group comprising: a predetermined data size, a predetermined data amount, and a predetermined type of data.

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the reference information includes an active link.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the paste reference information includes an active link.